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Major Events Scheduled at the San Diego Public Library to Celebrate National Library Week

SAN DIEGO – April 6-12 is National Library Week, a time to "Celebrate @ your library" and rediscover all that libraries and library staff have to offer.

"Libraries are part of the American dream," said City Library Director Anna Tatár. "Whether you're checking out the latest bestseller, researching your college term paper, getting homework help or using the Internet, the library has the resources and staff to help you find what you are looking for."

This year, the City of San Diego Public Library joins the American Library Association and libraries across the country in encouraging our users to learn more about the exciting range of new and traditional resources available. The San Diego Public Library also will highlight the vital role of librarians – the ultimate search engines.

Some of the great variety of Library events during the week will include:

- Grand re-opening celebration for the expanded **Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library** Friday, April 7 at 2:30 p.m. at 3003 Coronado Ave.
- Basic knitting class for teens, ages 13-18, who are invited to bring their own knitting needs and yarn Saturday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at the Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem St. 858-538-8165.
- **Poetry Workshop**, as part of National Poetry Month, with Susan Luzzaro Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St. 619-236-5847.
- **Ronald Goldman Trio** performing Beethoven and Dohnanyi as part of the Library's Winter/Spring Concert Series Sunday, April 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St. 619-236-5800.
- The Children's Book Club will discuss "**The Voyages of Doctor Doolittle**," by Hugh Lofting Monday, April 10 at 5:15 p.m. at the San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive. 619-527-3430.
- **Preview lecture** about the San Diego Opera's production of "**Julius Caesar in Egypt**" Tuesday, April 11 at 2 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St. 619-236-5800.
- Screening of the documentary film "Women on Death Row," with executive producer Kathleen Farrell – Wednesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St. 619-236-5800.
- Counseling session for small business owners with SCORE Wednesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Central Library, 820 E St. 619-236-5800.

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National Library Week 2003 marks the third year of The Campaign for America's Libraries, a multi-year public education campaign sponsored by the ALA and libraries across the country to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and library staff in the 21st century. More than 10,000 libraries in all 50 states are being reached by @ your library™, The Campaign for America's Libraries.

"National Library Week is a great time to see what's new at your library and how your librarian can direct you to the information you need when you need it," Tatár added. "We encourage all San Diegans to come check us out."

For more information, including library hours and other scheduled events, stop by your local library or visit the Library on the City's Web site at www.sandiego.gov/public-library.

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